# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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MEDICINE PRODUCING FACTORIES
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of medicine producing factories in the country at present;

(b) the value of medicines being produced therein annually;

(c) whether the medicines are also produced by various non-registered medicine companies in the country;

(d) the rules framed by the Government to keep control over such medicine companies; and

(e) the reasons for these rules being not complied with?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS &. MINISTER OF STEEL ( SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN )

(a) & (b) As per the information available from the State Licensing Authorities, the total number of medicine producing factories in the country is around 9000. The total turnover of medicines produced by the Indian Pharma industry including exports is Rs. 35,000 crores approximately.

(c) to (e) Manufacture of medicines should be carried out under a valid drug license issued by the State Drugs Licensing Authority. Manufacturing of drugs/medicines without a valid drug license is a punishable offence under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules. It is the responsibility of the State Drugs Control Authorities to keep a strict vigilance in this regard. In case, any company/person found manufacturing medicines without a license, prosecution has to be filed in the Court of Law by the State Drugs Inspector.